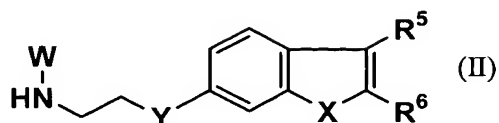


What is claimed is:

1. A compound of the general formula (II):



or a salt thereof,  
wherein

W represents a hydrogen atom or an amino-protecting group;

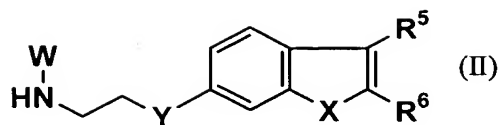
R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> may be the same or different and each independently represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted benzyl group, provided that R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> do not represent a hydrogen atom at the same time;

X represents NH, a sulfur atom, an oxygen atom or a methylene group;

Y represents an oxygen atom, NR<sup>7</sup>, a sulfur atom, a methylene group or a bond; and

R<sup>7</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or an acyl group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

2. A compound of the general formula (II):



or a salt thereof,

wherein

W represents a hydrogen atom or an amino-protecting group;

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> may be the same or different and each independently represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted benzyl group, provided that R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> do not represent a hydrogen atom at the same time;

X represents NH, a sulfur atom, an oxygen atom or a methylene group;

Y represents an oxygen atom, NR<sup>7</sup> or a sulfur atom; and

R<sup>7</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or an acyl group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

3. The compound as claimed in claim 2, which is a compound selected from the group consisting of:

2-(2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-6-yloxy)ethylcarbamic acid benzyl ester;

2-(2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-6-yloxy)ethylamine;

N-benzyl-N-[2-(2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-6-yloxy)ethyl]amine;

2-(3-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-6-yloxy)ethylcarbamic acid benzyl ester;

2-(3-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-6-yloxy)ethylamine;  
N-benzyl-N-[2-(3-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-6-yloxy)ethyl]amine;  
2-(2-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-indol-6-yloxy)ethylcarbamic acid benzyl ester;  
2-(2-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-indol-6-yloxy)ethylamine;  
2-(2,3-dimethylbenzofuran-6-yloxy)ethylcarbamic acid benzyl ester;  
2-(2,3-dimethylbenzofuran-6-yloxy)ethylamine;  
N-benzyl-N-[2-(2,3-dimethylbenzofuran-6-yloxy)ethyl]amine;  
2-(2,3-dimethylbenzothiophen-6-yloxy)ethylcarbamic acid benzyl ester;  
2-(2,3-dimethylbenzothiophen-6-yloxy)ethylamine; and  
N-benzyl-N-[2-(2,3-dimethylbenzothiophen-6-yloxy)ethyl]amine;  
or a salt thereof.